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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application Applicants request entry of the following amendments:

In the Specification

After the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority to U.S. patent application serial No. 60/193,918, filed March 31, 2000, now abandoned, incorporated herein by reference.--

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On page 1, line 8, before the heading "Background and Summary of the **RECEIVED** Invention," please insert the following text:

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-- Government Rights

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Research relating to this invention was supported in part by the U.S. Government under Grant No. RO1 CA34619 awarded from the National Cancer Institute. The U.S. Government may have certain rights in this invention. —

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment adding a cross reference to related applications is submitted to make a proper priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) to the related provisional application. The specification has also been amended to reference a grant from the National Cancer Institute which was used in part to support research relating to the subject invention. Applicants submit that this application is entitled to favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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